Schools in minority-dominated districts

988. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any priority is given to minority-dominated 90 districts in opening up of 6,000 schools, proposed to be opened in the country;

(b) if so, the details of such districts in Andhra Pradesh, which are eligible to get the benefit of opening up of Model Senior Secondary schools there;

(c) whether any consultations have been made with the National Minorities Education Committee; and

(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The Prime Minister in his Independence Day Speech on 15.08.07 has announced the decision of the Government to support 6,000 high quality model schools throughout the country, at the rate of one in every block, to set standards of excellence for other schools in the area. The proposal includes including minority dominated blocks and blocks in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Attendence of children under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

†989. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been made in respect of the children not going to schools in the country under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(b) if so, the number of such children, State-wise; and

(c) the special efforts being made under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan to send those children to schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), an independent survey was commissioned in July-August, 2005 which brought out that 1.34 crore children were out of school in the 6-14 years age group. This figure has reduced to 75.97 lakhs in March, 2007 as per State Government Reports. The State-wise details are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

Since, the remaining out of school children constitute "the most difficult to access group", context specific interventions for children who are "hard to reach", such as bridge courses, learning centres with flexible timings, seasonal hostels, home based education, mobile schools, have been taken up under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Programme. The Government of India has undertaken orientation and capacity building workshops with States/UTs with illustrative case studies of good practices, to encourage State/districts to implement such context specific interventions.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Number of Out of School Children

Sl. No.	Name of the State	As on 31st March, 2007
1	2	3
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Island	133
2.	Andhra Pradesh	264013
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	30565
4.	Assam	338834
5.	Bihar	2119584
6.	Chandigarh UT	5505
7.	Chhattisgarh	123632
8.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	1614
9.	Daman and Diu	201
10.	Delhi	330001
11.	Goa	7699
12.	Gujarat	134644
13.	Haryana	238847
14.	Himachal Pradesh	5624
15.	Jammu and Kashmir	108560
16.	Jharkhand	209662
17.	Karnataka	174533
18.	Kerala	20791
19.	Lakshadweep	168
20.	Madhya Pradesh	296479
21.	Maharashtra	136892
22.	Manipur	54351
23.	Meghalaya	37234
24.	Mizoram	4913
25.	Nagaland	35335
26.	Orissa	537841
27.	Pondicherry	326
28.	Punjab	227645
29.	Rajasthan	163894
30.	Sikkim	3204
31.	Tamil Nadu	103261
32.	Tripura	15376
33.	Uttar Pradesh	785523
34.	Uttranchal	22230
35.	West Bengal;	1357601
	TOTAL:	7597216